

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023
THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

*Rules Suspended

[HB 808.](#)

By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Yearta of the 152nd, Mathiak of the 74th, Ridley of the 6th, Powell of the 33rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to increase a statewide ad valorem tax exemption for tangible personal property; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 809.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 28 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to occupational therapists, so as to authorize occupational therapists to perform dry needling as a physical agent modality if certain training and education requirements are met; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 810.](#)

By Representative Vance of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8, 10, 36, 43, and 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to buildings and housing, commerce and trade, local government, professions and businesses, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as change certain provisions relating to certain professions practicing in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 811.](#)

By Representatives Davis of the 87th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to warehousemen, so as to establish specific protections for consumers using a self-service storage facility; to amend Chapter 23 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to licensing, so as to provide for certain disclosures by a limited licensee offering coverage for personal property stored at a self-service storage facility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[HB 812.](#)

By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Beverly of the 143rd, Bruce of the 61st, and Mitchell of the 88th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for placement of a monument to honor the Original 33; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[*HB 828.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Hagan of the 156th, Hatchett of the 155th, Jasperse of the 11th, Smith of the 138th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to officers of the Department of Transportation, so as to provide for the method of selection of the commissioner of transportation by the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[*HB 829.](#)

By Representatives Houston of the 170th, DeLoach of the 167th, Greene of the 154th, Oliver of the 82nd, Stephens of the 164th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Legislative Retirement System, so as to match the retirement benefit amounts payable to former legislators upon retirement and to currently retired legislators in retirement to those benefits which are payable upon

retirement to legislators who are in office on or after January 1, 2022; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RETIREMENT

[HR 568.](#)

By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Mathiak of the 74th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, and Martin of the 49th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Dentists and Dental Hygienists; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HR 598.](#)

By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Cannon of the 172nd, Williamson of the 112th, Jones of the 25th, Smith of the 138th, and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to vest judicial power of the state in the Georgia Tax Tribunal; to provide for venue and jurisdiction of the Georgia Tax Tribunal; to provide for concurrent jurisdiction with superior courts; to provide for judges of the Georgia Tax Tribunal and their qualifications; to provide for vacancies; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[*HR 602.](#)

By Representative Mainor of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Ms. Charlayne Hunter-Gault and dedicating a road in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[*HR 603.](#)

By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Au of the 50th, Hatchett of the 155th, and Crowe of the 118th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Certificate of Need Modernization; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RULES

*HR 604.

By Representative Knight of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Funding for the Technical College System of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RULES

*HR 651.

By Representatives Knight of the 134th, Rhodes of the 124th, Meeks of the 178th, Stephens of the 164th, Sainz of the 180th, and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia Congressional Delegation to assist in finding reasonable solutions to protect North Atlantic right whales and Georgia's coastal culture and economy; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RULES

*HR 652.

By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Hagan of the 156th, Hatchett of the 155th, Jasperse of the 11th, Smith of the 138th, and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to change the selection process for the commissioner of transportation; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

SENATE FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
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[SB 295.](#)

By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Lumpkin County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 300.](#)

By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Schley County; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 303.](#)

By Senators Halpern of the 39th, McLaurin of the 14th, Still of the 48th, Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Fulton County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of 50 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 65 years of age or older and whose household income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level, approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3945), so as to remove the requirement for seniors to have to reapply for such exemption every two years; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 305.](#)

By Senators Jones of the 10th and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from the City of Hampton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 68 years of age or

older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 306.](#)

By Senators Jones of the 10th and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from the City of Hampton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$25,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older and under 68 years of age; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 309.](#)

By Senators Jones of the 10th and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Hampton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 310.](#)

By Senators Rhett of the 33rd and Tate of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Powder Springs, approved March 13, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2760), as amended, so as to

adopt by reference a certain map to update the boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 311.](#)

By Senators Anderson of the 43rd and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing homestead exemptions from Newton County and Newton County School District ad valorem taxation, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4328), so as to increase the income cap and exemption provided to citizens who are 65 years of age or older from Newton County School District ad valorem taxation; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 312.](#)

By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing an annual salary for the coroner of Rockdale County in lieu of a fee system of compensation, approved April 4, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2505), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4751), so as to change the compensation of the coroner; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 313.](#)

By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a Magistrate's Court of Rockdale County, approved March 13, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3907), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4725), so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the chief magistrate; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 314.](#)

By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Rockdale County, approved April 2, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5452), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3679), so as to revise provisions relating to compensation of the judges of said court; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 315.](#)

By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the supplementary compensation of the judge of the juvenile court of Rockdale County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 316.](#)

By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing an annual salary for the judge of the Probate Court of Rockdale County in lieu of the fee system of compensation, approved March 4, 1969 (Ga. L. 1969, p. 2173), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 11, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3969), so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of such judge; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 317.](#)

By Senators Esteves of the 6th, Orrock of the 36th, Halpern of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Parent of the 42nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue the existence of the Atlanta Independent School System under the management and control of the Atlanta Board of Education, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4154), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4341), so as to remove limitations on qualifications for membership on said board related to working for other boards of

education; to reapportion the board of education election districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL